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EDITORIAL

March 2000

When I joined this Society in 1958, most of the lights in the sky were aptly named UFO'S - Unidentified flying Objects - but over the years there has been such a number and variety of additional "Earth made" lights that to some witnesses it is extremely confusing when trying to differentiate between the known and the unknown. When investigating it can also be very confusing if the observer has neither taken much notice nor the trouble to jot down details of the incident.

We have, thanks to Tony Cook, given you in our publications some examples of the latest of man-made lights put aloft. Satellites will travel in a straight line generally and it is those which do NOT travel in that manner in which we are most interested. The only direction satellites will not travel is due East to West.

We have mentioned iridium lights which are for communication purposes, the three lights recently put into orbit by the U.S.A. - and which are quite often reported - are to track military operations and ships etc., and most recently the Space Shuttle now has high resolution radar for the purpose (they say) of accurately mapping areas of the Globe.

In the mid-sixties, Mr. Norman Hall and I (JM) originated what we named the Observer Corps within the Society. This comprised of country members who have a much clearer view of the Heavens and Celestial bodies than we city dwellers. Their purpose was to watch the skies - for at least 2 - 2 1/2 hours after sundown or whenever possible - for any unusual activity and to report to us so we can either check or further investigate. We need people who will take note of the time, weather conditions, direction and performance etc. of the Unidentified Flying Objects.

We would very much appreciate hearing from country members who are prepared to assist.

We met with considerable success last time and hope to continue this interesting facet of U.F.O. Research.

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ON THE UFO TRAIL

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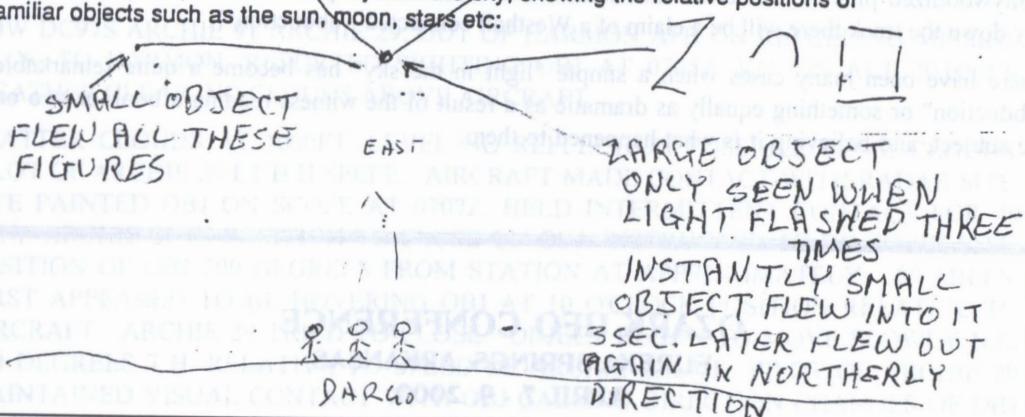
The most outstanding sighting report within the last quarter was from three observers near DARGO in Victoria.

On 28th November, which was a clear night, between 9.30 and 10.30pm, a large round light, the apparent size of a star, maneuvered high in the sky for two hours. At one stage, when a satellite was orbiting the earth in a northerly direction, the light flew toward the satellite then diverted away. At another stage, the star-sized light flew into the larger light, then emerged from the larger light, flying towards the north.

This activity was high above the Earth, at the same level as satellites orbit the Earth. As we know, satellites appear as lights because of reflection from the Sun until about two hours after sunset. It appears as a light but is a solid object. The large object was seen only when it flashed its own light.

This description appears to be one of those incidents where a large object is operating with smaller ones.

Please sketch the position of the object in the sky, showing the relative positions of familiar objects such as the sun, moon, stars etc:



Veteran Ufologists will recall similar activity when Astronomers from two observatories in South America were watching Echo Two cross the sky when a UFO made three passes whilst Echo two was in sight. This meant that the UFO was three times faster than our fastest satellite in the sky. Each time the UFO approached Echo Two it flew a semi-circle as if inspecting it.

Last August, on a similarly clear night, two people in Warrnambool, Victoria, were observing the night sky between 9.30 and 11.30, when the couple, who had not observed satellites before reported them as UFO's. I investigated this incident because a journalist reported the sighting to me. I found the objects to be spy satellites in polar orbit. Some going north to south whilst others were reported as going south to north.

On The UFO Trail

It is a pity more people do not watch the skies at night, it is a great way to relax and apart from that you may see a number of satellites - and there are numerous kinds - or you may even witness the activity of UFO's.

Unfortunately most reports we receive are not UFO's. They are identifiable objects, many of which can be sorted out at the telephone, and even some of the 10% of those are easily recognized. Regrettably, some individuals are more interested in fiction than reality and prefer to believe they are watching craft; not every object that flies through the sky is a space ship. At least 90 percent of the time they are NOT UFO's. Some enthusiasts are happier in a fiction club. Take the X files for example, they have memberships of thousands, when serious groups who investigate, only number in the hundreds.

Another example - On 6th April 1966, Westhall High School Incident. A number of students and a few teachers observed an object, not as yet identified, rise from a paddock not far from the school.

Recently an individual, probably unaware that the case was investigated years ago, came forward and said that the UFO actually landed in the school ground with ET's watching from the dome!

There's always someone wanting to get in on the act! Commercial magazines with their exaggerated opinions of what they think the report should be, and "documentaries" which are Hollywoodized plus the numerous individuals who desire notoriety. So don't be surprised if one day down the track there will be a claim of a Westhall connected "abduction"!

There have been many cases when a simple "light in the sky" has become a quite remarkable "abduction" or something equally as dramatic as a result of the witness reading a book or two on the subject, and believing it is what happened to them.

OZARK UFO CONFERENCE EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS APRIL 7 - 9, 2000

The Twelfth Annual Ozark UFO Conference will be held at the Inn of the Ozarks Conference Center in Eureka Springs, Arkansas on April 7 - 9, 2000. As always, our program will include lectures, audiovisual presentations and a panel discussion with all of the Conference speakers.

There will be a total of nine lectures on various aspects of the UFO subject. Speakers confirmed at this time include:

JOE LEWELS — DR. ROBERTA FENNIG & MELANIE YOUNG — LINDA MOULTON HOWE —
ANTONIO HUNEEUS — WENDELLE C. STEVENS. We will also have the usual Sunday morning "mini-sessions" featuring various researchers.

Send to: Ozark UFO Conference, #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, AR 72127-8725

UFO Potpourri RADAR/Visual Sighting - 1955

A number of researchers have amassed large files containing UFO reports made by highly skilled military and civilian personnel. Many of these reports contain eye-witnessed accounts of aircraft UFO encounters, backed by radar reports of the same objects. Often, multiple radar sites tracked the same objects.

The following account of a radar-visual sighting was extracted from a report by Captain Laddie Marin, of the Air Force Special Security Office, Headquarters, Northeast Air Command, APO 862, New York, NY. The report was sent to the Director of the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. on July 18, 1955.

Capt. Marin began the report with a series of radar and visual sightings by RB-47 bomber crews from June 1 through June 8. He states in his cover letter that the Air Force Northern Air Command (NEAC) was not able to correlate the sightings with any known activity. The final part of his report details a radar-visual incident involving an air-to-air refueling aircraft, as follows (typos, caps, lack of punctuation, etc. is as written):

TOW DC97S ARCHIE 91 ARCHIE 29. OUT OF HARMON AFB ON REFUELING MISSION BACK TO HARMON, REPORTED SIGHTING OBJ AT 0705Z. KC 97S ALT 20,000FT. WEATHER CLEAR. NO CLOUDS ABOVE AIRCRAFT.

SCATTER CLOUDS AT 1000FT. LEVEL NO REFLECTION POSSIBLE FROM CLOUDS. PILOT OF ARCHIE 29 LT.H.H.SPEER. AIRCRAFT MADE CONTACT WITH RADAR SITE. SITE PAINTED OBJ ON SCOPE AT 0707Z. HELD INTERMITTENT CONTACT FOR 49 MIN. ARCHIE 29 IN POSITION TO CLOSE ON OBJ. INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY SITE. POSITION OF OBJ 290 DEGREES FROM STATION AT APPROXIMATELY 80 MILES. FIRST APPEARED TO BE HOVERING OBJ AT 10 O'CLOCK POSITION RELATIVE TO AIRCRAFT. ARCHIE 29 TRIED TO CLOSE. OBJECT BEGAN TO MOVE SLOWLY N.E. 050 DEGREES T.H. RELATIVE TO SPEED OF ARCHIE 29,275K. PILOT OF ARCHIE 29 MAINTAINED VISUAL CONTACT WITH OBJ CALLING DIRECTION CHANGES OF OBJ TO SITE BY RADIO. DIRECTION CHANGES CORRELATED EXACTLY WITH THOSE PAINTED ON SCOPE BY CONTROLLER. OBJ BEGAN CLIMBING ARCHIE 29 PILOT LOST VISUAL CONTACT WITH OBJ'S EST ALTITUDE 40-50,000 FT. OBJ THEN ACCELERATED TO SPEED OF ESTIMATED 1600 K AND MOVED OFF IN N.E. DIRECTION. PAINTED ON SCOPES. FIGHTER SCRAMBLED WHEN OBJ STARTED TO CLIMB, BENT WEAPON ON FIGHTER. NO CONTACT MADE. RADAR OR VISUAL.

AT SAME TIMES RADAR SITE WAS ALSO PAINTING 5 SMALLER OBJ'S ON SCOPES 5-10,000 FT. BELOW THE KC97'S ARCHIE 29 AND ARCHIE 91 AT 300 DEGREES 60 MILES FROM STATION. OBJ'S MOVING VERY FAST. CHANGING DIRCTION AND AZIMUTH..FORMING CIRCULAR PATTERN.

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CHANGING TO LINE ABREAST. TRAVELLING 10-20 MILES THEN CHANGING DIRECTION CONTROLLER ESTIMATES SPEED IN EXCESS OF 1500K. C119 AIRCRAFT ENROUTE FROM GOOSE PASSED WITHIN 5 MILES OF OBJ'S. NOT KNOWN IF OBJ'S SEEN BY 119 CREW. INTEREGATION OF CREW'S OF ARCHIE 29 ARCHIE 91 AND C119 BEING CONDUCTED BY BASE INTELL OFFICER..

The ground control radar operator made the following statement;

AT 0705Z THIS DATE, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM 'ARCHIE 91' A KC-97 ENROUTE TO HARMON AFB, HIS POSITION AT THIS TIME WAS 280 DEGREES TRUE N, 80 MILES FROM THIS STATION. 'ARCHIE 91' REPORTED SIGHTING AN UNKNOWN OBJECT IN THE AIR TO THE LEFT OF HIS ACFT, SLIGHTLY ABOVE HIM, MOVING AT VERY HIGH SPEEDS. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, 'ARCHIE 29' ANOTHER AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES TO THE XXX OF 'ARCHIE 91' REPORTED A SIGHTING OF THE SAME OBJECT IN THE SAME LOCATION.

THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS FLYING A VERY ERRATIC COURSE, MAKING SHARP CHANGES IN DIRECTION. BOTH AIRCRAFT REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO CLOUDS WHATSOEVER NEAR HIS ALTITUDE THAT MIGHT CAUSE A REFLECTION

APPROXIMATELY 07-07Z MADE RADAR CONTACT WITH A TARGET IN THE REPORTED POSITION, AND ALSO WITH SEVERAL OTHER TARGETS SLIGHTLY CLOSER TO THIS STATION. THE SIGHTED OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MOVING VERY SLOWLY AT THIS TIME AND EXCELLENT RADAR CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. THE OTHER AIRCRAFT REPORTED ALSO, THAT AT THIS TIME THE OBJECT SEEMED TO BE HOVERING. THE OTHER GROUP OF OBJECTS DETECTED ON RADAR WERE MOVING VERY FAST, SOMETIME IN A CLUSTER, THEN STRUNG OFF IN LINE FORMATION. DUE TO SLOW ANTENNA ROTATION, HIGH SPEED AND CHANGING COURSE OF THESE OBJECTS, SPEED CHECK WAS NOT AVAILABLE. ESTIMATE OF SPEED WOULD BE 1,500 KNOTS. THIS GROUP OF TARGETS WAS DETECTED BRIEFLY ON THE HEIGHT FINDER AT FROM 5,000 - 10,000 FEET.

I ASKED 'ARCHIE 29' IF HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLOSE ON THE SIGHTED OBJECT USING CAUTION, FOR A BETTER REPORT. THE PILOT OF 'ARCHIE 29' LT. H.H. SPEER AGREED AND CHANGED COURSE TOWARD THE OBJECT. APPROXIMATE RANGE TO THE OBJECT WAS 40 MILES. THE OBJECT WAS STILL HOVERING IN APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LOCATION. AS THE RANGE DECREASED, THE OBJECT BEGAN SLOWLY MOVING NORTHWARD. AFTER TRAVELING NORTH ABOUT 10 MILES THE OBJECT MADE A TURN BACK SOUTH. 'ARCHIE 29' CLOSED TO WITHIN 18 MILES OF THE OBJECT, THEN IT BEGAN TO MOVE OFF IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AGAIN ABOUT 070 DEGREES TRUE. 'ARCHIE 29' REPORTED THAT THE OBJECT WAS MOVING NORTHWARD AND CLIMBING. HE SAID IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS NOT CLOSING ON IT ANY LONGER. AT THIS TIME I REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM 'DIGNITY' (CONTROL CENTER) TO 'SCRAMBLE' A FIGHTER AFTER THE OBJECT. REQUEST WAS APPROVED AND 'SCRAMBLE' WAS COMPLETED. RANGE OF OBJECT BY THIS TIME WAS 330 DEGREES TRUE AT 80 MILES.

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SHORTLY THEREAFTER, A MOMENTARY CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT WAS MADE ON OUR HEIGHT FINDER. ALTITUDE WAS 35,000 FEET. 'ARCHIE 29' REPORTED THAT OBJECT WAS GETTING MUCH HIGHER AND FADING FROM VIEW....

WHEN FIGHTER BECAME AIRBORNE, OBJECT WAS 110 MILES NORTH OF THE STATION. FIGHTER PILOT, SHAKO 56, REPORTED HIS RADAR WAS INOPERATIVE. WE REQUESTED HE CONTINUE MISSION FOR ATTEMPT AT VISUAL CONTACT. WHEN SHAKO 56 REACHED 'ARCHIE 29' POSITION, THE OBJECT HAD FADED FROM VIEW. BOTH AIRCRAFT WERE 150 MILES NORTHEAST OF STATION...

SIGNED 2ND LT. CHARLES H. DENNEY USAF SENIOR DIR 640TH ACW SQ

The Ground Elect. Officer reported that no temperature inversion was involved in this sighting.

AT APPROXIMATELY 0700Z, I WAS CALLED INTO OPERATIONS BY THE SENIOR CONTROLLER, WHO IN TURN ADVISED ME OF UNKNOWN OBJECTS BEING VIEWED ON THE RADAR IN CHECKING ALL RADAR IN OPERATION, IT WAS FOUND THEY WERE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

APPROXIMATELY FROM 1 JULY 1955 TO PRESENT, PERIODICALLY THROUGH THE DAY WE HAVE HAD WEATHER INVERSIONS CAUSING OUR RADAR BEAMS TO BEND TOWARD THE GROUND. WE HAVE PERIODICALLY PICKED-UP THE SOUTH SHORE OF LABRADOR AND ANTICOSTI ISLAND DUE TO THE WEATHER INVERSION. AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTINGS, NO SUCH RADAR PHENOMENON WAS NOTICED.. ALL UNKNOWN OBJECTS SIGHTED ON THE RADAR WERE WITHIN THE CAPABILITIES OF OUR RADAR SET.

SIGNED 1ST LT. ANTHONY G. SCARPACE AO-941448 GRD.ELECT OFFICER, 640 ACW SQ.

The pilot of Archie 29 made it clear that they were seeing an object , not a star.

AT 0700Z, THE NAVIGATOR GAVE US A HEADING OF 132 DEGREES TO HARMON. JUST AFTER WE TURNED TO THAT HEADING LT.SCHNECK MADE HIS REPORT OF THE OBJECT. I LOOKED OVER WHEN HE CALLED IT IN AND THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP IF I VERIFIED WHAT HE SAW BECAUSE I SAW THE SAME THING AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME POSITION. 'ENRAGE' IDENTIFIED BOTH OF US BY OUR PARROTT. 'ENRAGE'; DETERMINED THAT I WAS APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES CLOSER TO THE OBJECT SO HE HAD ME GIVE CHASE. THE OBJECT AT THIS TIME WAS APPROXIMATELY 25,000 FEET. MY ALTITUDE WAS 18,000 FEET. THE DISTANCE WAS APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES. WHEN I FIRST SIGHTED THE OBJECT, IT MOVED TO THE LEFT IN A VERY DEFINITE MOVEMENT AND A VERY FAST MOVEMENT. THERE WERE NO SLOW INCREASE OR DECREASE IN SPEED. IT WAS A VERY DEFINITE FAST MOVEMENT. IT DID THIS TWICE. WE TURNED TO A HEADING OF 080 DEGREES AND THAT PUT THE OBJECT AT 120'CLOCK POSITION. WHILE TRACKING THE OBJECT, IT MADE SEVERAL TURNS TO THE SOUTH WHICH WERE VERIFIED BY "ENRAGE". WE CLOSED OUR DISTANCE TO THE OBJECT TO APPROXIMATELY 18 MILES AND AT THAT TIME INCREASED MY POWER AND TRIED TO INCREASE MY SPEED BUT DUE TO RUNNING ;LOW ON OIL, I HAD TO DECREASE

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MY POWER ONCE MORE OUR INDICATED AIR SPEED WAS APPROXIMATELY 210 PER HOUR WHEN WE GOT TO WITHIN 12 MILES OF THE OBJECT, IT STARTED A DEFINITE CLIMB TO AN ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF BETWEEN 34,000 AND 40,000 FEET. AT 0800Z, WE LOST CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT BECAUSE THE SUN WAS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF US...THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY AT LEAST 5 OF MY CREW MEMBERS.

SIGNED LT. HOMER H. SPEER, JR. AO-1856075 AIRCRAFT CONDR.KC-97 97TH ARS (TDY EHAFB)

The pilot of the second KC-97 (Archie91) verified the sighting.

WE TURNED OFF AFTER COMPLETION OF REFUELING, THE TIME BEING APPROXIMATELY 0700Z, AND TOOK UP A HEADING FOR HARMON WHICH WAS 125 DEGREES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER "ENRAGE" CONTROL NOTIFIED ME OF AN AIRCRAT AT 7 MILES OFF MY LEFT WING. I VERIFIED THIS POSITION BY VISUAL CONTACT OF SAID AIRCRAFT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AT 10 O'CLOCK TO MY POSITION, I NOTICED A BRIGHT LIGHT. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH 3 CREW MEMBERS, WE DECIDED THE LIGHT WAS MOVING VERY RAPIDLY. I DECIDED TO CALL 'ENRAGE' CONTROL TO VERIFY THE LIGHT. I TOLD 'ENRAGE' CONTROL THAT IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 10 O'CLOCK FROM MY POSITION AT FROM 15,000 TO 20,000 FEET, AT ESTIMATED 50 MILES. I ALSO TOLD THEM IT WAS MOVING VERY RAPIDLY SOMETHING LIKE THOSE FLYING SAUCERS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER 'ARCHIE 29' CALLED 'ENRAGE' CONTROL AND VERIFIED MY ACCOUNT OF THE OBJECT...

SIGNED LT. ROBERT W. SCHNECK AO-775721 AIRCRAFT COMDR, KC-97 97TH ARS (TDY EHAFB)

The co-pilot of Archie 29 verified the movement of the object in his report.

"AFTER WE FINISHED OUR REFUELING RUN AT APPROXIMATELY 0700Z, WE RETURNED ON OUR HOMEWARD COURSE AND WE HEARD LT SCHNECK REPORT THE BRIGHT LIGHT THAT WAS MOVING VERY FAST AND ERRATICALLY. RIGHT AFTER THAT THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER SAW THE OBJECT AND POINTED IT OUT TO ME. I COULD SEE IT...WE TURNED TOWARDS THE LIGHT AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I NOTICED MOVEMENT.. IT APPEARED STATIONARY FOR QUITE A WHILE AND THEN IT MOVED IN EITHER NORTHERLY OR SOUTHERLY DIRECTIONS AT DIFFERENT TIMES. EACH TIME IT MOVED, WE TURNED THE AIRCRAFT TO KEEP IT AT 12 O'CLOCK POSITION....

SIGNED LT. DAVID CUELDNER AO-3006255 CO-PILOT, KC-97 97TG ARS

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UFO Repetitions

A Challenge to Scientific Investigations

by George D. Fawcett

Aspects of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) that have been repeated time and time again over the past forty-seven years—and have proven themselves BOTH PERSISTENT and CONSISTENT on a global basis—are a challenge to science. Any future solution to the growing worldwide UFO enigma will have to deal directly with these UFO repetitions:

1. Sightings of unknown flying objects that demonstrate superior speeds and intricate maneuvers beyond those of present satellites, aircraft and missiles.
2. Radar trackings of UFOs.
3. Photographs and movies of UFOs.
4. Pursuits of UFOs by planes in the skies, by ships at sea and by cars on open highways.
5. Falls of "fragments" and "angel hair" from UFOs overhead.
6. Increases in background radiation, ground markings, changes in soil samples, and deposits of both metallic and non-metallic residues after UFOs have been reported in the skies or on the ground (ESPECIALLY magnesium, aluminum, silicon, boron and calcium).
7. Near-collisions, pacings and head-on passes by UFOs reported by civilian, military and commercial pilots.
8. Physiological and psychological effects, such as electric shock, radiation burns, dimming of vision, blackouts, temporary paralysis, headaches, blood disorders, nightmares and dreams, reported by observers in close UFO encounters, both in the air and on the ground.
9. Electromagnetic interference reports caused by UFOs on compasses, plane and car motors, headlights, houselights, searchlights, radar beams, radios, TV, power-stations and other instruments and communication devices.
10. Skyquakes, explosions and sonic booms in the skies during UFO appearances.
11. Propulsion sounds and smells attributed to UFOs.
12. Landings and near-landings (hoverings) of UFOs and their occupants.
13. Hostile acts due to UFOs (both towards and from these objects).
14. Reports of so-called "contactees" of space visitors and UFOs.

15. Straight lines of flight related to UFOs, along with their other kinematic, geometric and luminescent characteristics.

16. Reputable sightings by scientists, astronauts, engineers, astronomers and other trained observers of UFOs.

17. Appearances of "little men" (apparently humanoids) and other entities in relation to worldwide UFO landings, who were reported to have taken rocks, vegetation, soil, water, and animals, flowers, etc. Several hundred cases of human kidnappings, abductions, physical examinations, etc.

18. Periodic cycles of increased UFO sightings—every 26 months, 5 years and 10 years in large numbers.

19. Unique shapes of UFOs, especially nocturnal lights, day-light discs, domed saucers, cigar-shaped or rocket-shaped objects, crescents, half-globes and Saturn-shaped.

20. Revolving wheel-like machines in oceans, seas and vast masses of water reported by ship and plane crews and passengers, and other witnesses nearby.

21. Depressions, craters, denuded vegetation, holes, ground markings, burned areas and landing-gear marks on the ground due to UFO landings worldwide.

22. Power-failures due to UFO appearances, both locally and on a widespread basis.

23. Severe animal reactions reported during UFO encounters.

24. Levitations in close proximity with UFOs of persons, cars, helicopters, trucks, garage roofs, fishing bobbers, UFO occupants, horses, etc.

25. The historical evidence of UFOs found in archaeology, cave wall drawings, Holy Scriptures, legends, mythology, ancient manuscripts, frescoes and folklore throughout the world.

To investigate any phenomena in or outside of a laboratory requires that they must be repeatable, and such UFO encounters are recurrent in nature regardless of where they occur. Thus, the challenge in future scientific investigations remains.

Future science must meet the challenge posed by these UFO repetitions among over 140 world nations in order to solve the growing, global UFO problem—otherwise, it will become part of the problem itself. THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD DESERVE BETTER THAN THAT! *



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He is the founder and chief advisor to five civilian UFO study groups: New England UFO Study Group (1957), Pennsylvania & New Jersey Two-State UFO Study Group (1965), Florida UFO Study Group (1968), Tar Heel UFO Study Group (1973) and the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina, Inc. (1990).

Fawcett authored the book, *Quarter Century Studies of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee* (1975), along with over 100 UFO research articles during nearly five decades. In addition, George taught accredited college UFO courses at Gaston College (1979-1982).

Fawcett has served as a movie consultant and contributor to various UFO encyclopedias. He has given his illustrated lecture to almost 600 groups and organizations since 1944. Currently, George is working to organize and build a UFO museum to serve both as a major tourist attraction and as a research center.

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THE VANISHING UFO AND THE VANISHING POLICEMEN!

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[On August 8, 1998, Mr. Lance Druce, now residing at Bournemouth on the South Coast of England, wrote to me asking whether FSR had ever published any account of an unusual UFO experience that he had had many years earlier - "some time in the early 1960s", as he thought?]

I replied that, so far as I could see, the case was not known to us and had consequently never been reported in FSR. A second letter from Mr. Druce some months later brought further details, and I give below the essence of the story, which is certainly a remarkable one.

Two features in it cannot fail to catch our attention. Firstly, the UFO at one stage proceeded to "vanish" on the spot. Over the years we have certainly had a few cases containing "disappearing acts" like this, though few they certainly have been. But maybe, in view of what we have to tell you on page 3 about an alleged experience of President Eisenhower, we ought now to start giving the matter some serious thought! The second notable feature is of course the reportedly speedy disappearance of two Dorset policemen! If true, that is also highly "interesting", though of course not a bit surprising.

Incidentally, I wonder whether any FSR reader in Dorset recalls a man named "Leslie" who might have claimed to be acting on behalf of FSR? (It might have been Desmond Leslie, but he can't remember.) Or is it perhaps much more likely that he was "a man from the Ministry"? (Or indeed perhaps an MIB?) G.C.]

MR. DRUCE'S SIGHTING.

"One evening, in the early 1960s I had been on a fishing trip near Weymouth with my brother-in-law Brian George, and I was returning home with him in his car, an Austin Cambridge. Actually I was teaching him to drive at that time. (so our correspondent thinks it was probably early in July.) It was his fourth or fifth lesson, and he was driving, with myself in the passenger seat. The time was about 5.30 pm, broad daylight.

"At a place called Lymington, close to a pub on the right-hand side of the road called the St. Peter's Finger (as shown on the hanging pub sign outside) Brian suddenly shouted 'what's that?' and himself pointed upwards and the engine began to falter and sputter and ran a bit roughly but did not, I think, quite stop. I put my head down to look up through his side-window, and saw a huge dark-brown cigar-shaped thing with a lot of yellow lighted portoles just hanging there stationary and silent in the sky - not a sound audible from it. (As a crane-driver, used to erecting 90 foot jibs, I probably have a good eye for making such a estimate, and my feeling was that the object was about 150ft long). (See Fig. 1, drawn by witness.)

"We pulled up and got out to watch it, and we were stunned. And all the other cars behind us stopped too and their drivers got out to watch it, and frankly, I was starting to feel nervous!

"I happened to remember that there were a couple of Police Houses about a mile further up the road on the left-hand side, so I told Brian to get up there fast and I shouted to the folk in the cars behind to do so too.

"As we roared off up the road, the 'cigar' moved and began to follow us, and when we had reached the Police Houses it took up position just above them, still silent as ever, and at a height of about 200ft or so.

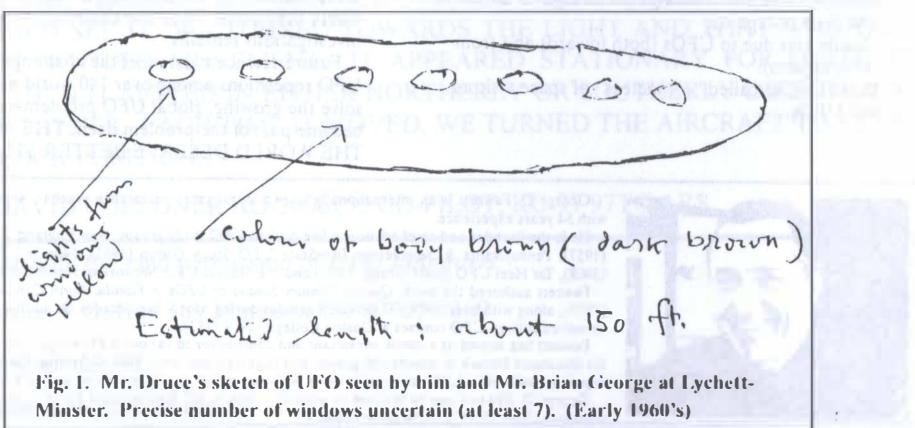


Fig. 1. Mr. Druce's sketch of UFO seen by him and Mr. Brian George at Lymington. Precise number of windows uncertain (at least 7). (Early 1960's)

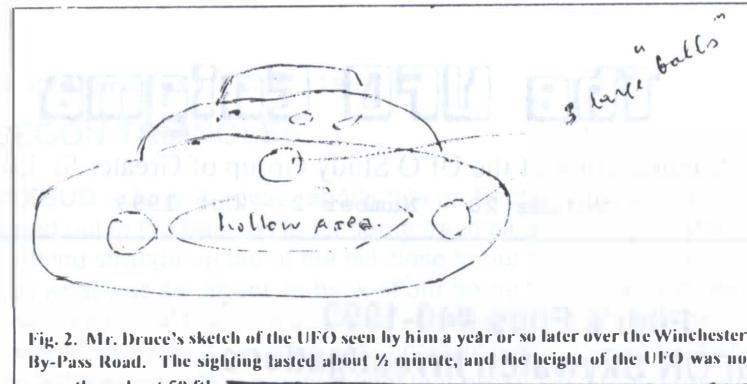


Fig. 2. Mr. Druce's sketch of the UFO seen by him a year or so later over the Winchester By-Pass Road. The sighting lasted about ½ minute, and the height of the UFO was no more than about 50 ft!

"At the Police Houses we stopped and I rushed out and knocked on one door, and out came a lady. I said: 'There's a strange Space-ship above your house!'. The look that she gave me showed that she thought me a bit silly, but she called her husband and he came out and watched it for a minute or so and then went to get his colleague, who came out with some field-glasses.

"In the meantime, while the first policeman was getting his colleague, a weird thing was happening. For the 'cigar' was slowly becoming invisible.

"Then, after the two policemen had come out again, an even weirder thing began to happen, for bands of light seemed to be coming into view from the sides of the thing - which, although we could now not see it, was still somehow *still there*, for we could somehow *feel its presence*! These bands of light moved around for a while and then seemed somehow to disappear again up into the lower part of the cigar.

THE PRESS GET TO HEAR OF IT.

"To cut a long story short, the local newspaper got hold of the story, and then, some time later, a man came to my house and asked to interview me and I consented. Then, about a week later, he came back and informed me that my story could not be substantiated, because he had been unable to contact the two Police Officers to secure their confirmation and also to ask for their help in securing the names of some of the other eyewitnesses in the cars who had seen the thing. And he told me that the Chief Constable of Dorset had moved the Police Officers to new accommodation and that they expressly desired to have no further contact or publicity about the case.

"As for this interviewer - whoever and whatever he was - I had learned from him only that his name was Leslie, and that he would write to *Flying Saucer Review* about the case, which he said was 'very rare and unusual'.

"Although it was all so long ago that I no longer recall the date, this unforgettable experience has left an indelible impression on me. I'm very, very sure that nobody who has had a UFO experience like that will ever be able to forget it, for it was truly 'out of this world'!"

TWO FURTHER SIGHTINGS BY THIS WITNESS.

Mr. Druce took the opportunity to give brief details of two subsequent UFO sightings.

FIRST SIGHTING.

"About a year or so later, very early one morning, I was driving my lorry to London. I think it would have been at about 6.00 a.m. to 7.00 a.m., and I was on the Winchester By-Pass Road, when I was drawn to look up through the panoramic window of the T.K. Bedford truck, and, for the space of about 25 to 30 seconds or so, I saw this object above the tree-tops. I saw it extremely clearly and, once again, I must emphasise that *I will never forget it*." (See Fig. 2)

[NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR. Readers can see for themselves that here again, once more, we have THE TYPICAL ADAMSKI SCOUT SHIP WHICH FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS ALL THE "EXPERTS" HAVE BEEN TELLING US IS A CHICKEN-INCUBATOR, OR A TOBACCO-CURER, OR THE OVERHEAD LAMP IN THE OPERATING THEATRES OF U.S. HOSPITALS!]

SECOND SIGHTING.

"Once again, some time later, I was in the area known as Canford Heath, again with my brother-in-law Brian George, and this time we were shooting rabbits. I was standing in a thicket, just behind a tree, and spotted this object hanging stationary beside a cloud. It certainly seemed to be just the same as the one that I had seen earlier on the Winchester By-Pass.

"It was mid-afternoon, the clarity of the daylight was perfect, and we both stood and watched this one for about half-an-hour. We had failed to find any rabbits there, so we moved on and sat down again about a mile further on to have our drinks and sandwiches. And then suddenly we both saw it once more. It flashed vividly across the sky, much faster than any aircraft.

In conclusion I should add that I have not seen Brian George for some years, but I understand that he has since taken a photograph of a saucer of this type."

[Mr. Druce gave me the latest known address of Mr. Brian George, and I have now written to the latter in the hope that we might manage to see the photo. However, he seems to have moved, the Post Office have returned my letter, and Mr. Druce himself now is no longer in contact with Brian George. G.C.]



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BRAZIL STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES

I am an American who lives in Brazil and I have been doing research here for twenty years. I am always interested in statistics that have to do with disappearing people like the Falun Gong claim is happening in last weeks files. Here in Brazil, every three minutes a person disappears according to last year's statistics and this year its even more alarming. That's 175,000 missing people per year for Brazil alone! People disappear for various reasons to do with drugs, organ harvests, abandoning family, etc. However, there is the possibility (and I say this because of ongoing research into the "UFO" scene) that aliens ARE kidnapping people! In Brazil, there are formal and informal groups trying to discover what is going on. People disappear in the most mundane ways: going to the corner for cigarettes, walking to and from work. These are ordinary people not involved in drugs or with any mental/emotional problems or other motives for disappearing. Some may be kidnapped to remove their vital organs for medical transplant purposes. There seems to be something else going on. I find that whole families, once there has been a UFO sighting, seem sensitized to all sorts of phenomena. One person I know went to a barbecue in a residential area and during the evening she thought someone was calling her from the garden. She walked to the gate and was hit with a strange light. That's all she remembers. She was suddenly missing and everyone rushed around trying to find her. Several hours later, she was found some distance away, totally dazed and traumatized curled up in the forest! I know this girl well. She is a teenager and a very sober person who is currently writing a complete report for me. She was returned, but how many people do? Her father has been abducted and even visited by strange men in black here in Brazil. I believe that the whole picture is very complicated and may involve dimensional shifts. I have a lot of data that points to that explanation. Um Abraço as we say here, Thanks to Cynthia Newby Luce cynthia@compuland.com.br

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OREGON TRIANGLES

ROSEBUD – Jerry Burgess reports that on September 22, 1999, my wife stepped out to the back patio for some fresh air at 10:30 PM. She saw something strange on top of the hill close to our home. At her plea I hurried out to see what was so urgent. In back of our home there is a six miles long ridge of hills with electrical transmission lines on towers. On top of the hill, close to one of towers there was a hovering set of brilliant lights. There seemed to be three small lights surrounding a center light that blinked in red and green less than a mile away. I got my binoculars and ran next door to show my neighbor the object. My spouse and neighbor say they had the impression the object was a truncated triangle. The object moved slowly along the hill top to the south without making any noise. Then suddenly it accelerated very fast and disappeared in a flash of light. On returning to the house our computers had shut down and some of the digital clocks needed to be reset. However the television sets remained on. I have now seen three UFO's, two in the last month. I saw the first one fifty years ago at the age of twelve. I am a member of MUFON and CAUS but a skeptical person. However, after the last two experiences my skepticism is shrinking rapidly. I noticed there was a moderate breeze that came up during the observation and died down on the departure of the UFO. Thanks to Jerry Burgess

UFO CASES HIGHLIGHTED IN FRENCH REPORT

The authors of the new French UFO report selected a small but impressive sample of UFO cases to illustrate the seriousness of the subject. Many of these cases will be familiar to experienced ufologists, but not necessarily to all readers of CNI News. Here is a brief description of most of the cases highlighted in the COMETA report:

-- Testimony of French pilot M. Giraud, March 7, 1977: Giraud and his navigator were flying a Mirage IV jet at night near Dijon, France when they saw a bright light rapidly closing. The light tailed them at a distance of 1500 meters though they made evasive turns. They radioed a military radar site, but the UFO did not show on radar.

-- Testimony of French fighter pilot Colonel Claude Bosc, March 3, 1976: On a night training flight in a T-33, Bosc saw a bright light approach at high speed on a collision course. His jet was then enveloped in green phosphorescent light for several seconds. Radar showed nothing, but two other pilots saw the encounter from a distance.

UFO Eludes Navajo Officers

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WINDOW ROCK - Not one, but two Navajo police officers chased an unidentified flying object seen in the night sky over northern McKinley County last week.

According to Capt. Daniel K. Thomas, acting chief of police of the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Sgt. Tommy Rogers tried to reach the unusual light. But each time either he or Officer El Reno Henio approached it, the mysterious object would take off and run away from them.

Thomas, who is commander of the NDLE's Crownpoint Police District said his men described the UFO as a circular disc that projected a cone of light to the ground, with the light being exceptionally bright at the bottom of the cone, where it met the ground.

Unfortunately, NDLE patrol cars do not have cameras to provide photographic evidence of the event.

Photographs, Thomas said, would have answered a lot of questions.

He said reports describing the sighting were received from residents of Bicenti Chapter, Dalton Pass and Standing Rock, which are north and west of Crownpoint and east and north of Gallup.

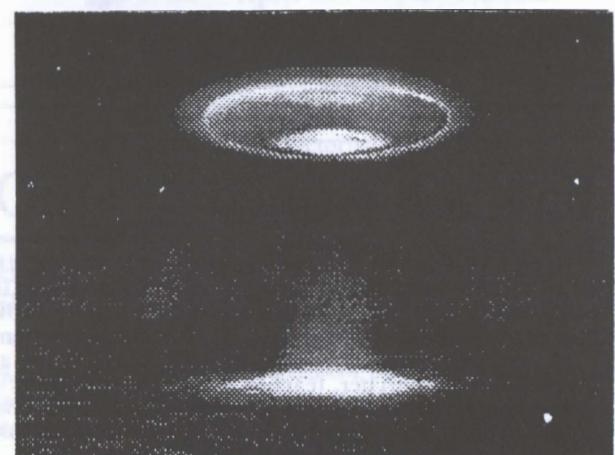


Illustration by James Nett

-- Air France flight 3532, Jan 28, 1994: Pilot and copilot of an Airbus 320-111 flying in daylight near Paris at 39,000 feet reported seeing a very large disc-like craft about 30 miles away and slightly below them. Military radar confirmed presence of an object about 250 meters in diameter. The object was observed visually and on radar for about 50 seconds, then suddenly disappeared.

-- Lakenheath RAF, UK, Aug 13, 1956: Extraordinary UFO events occurred over a span of six hours, involving very clear radar tracks of more than a dozen objects sometimes traveling over 4,000 miles per hour, sometimes slower than 100 mph. Jets were scrambled and encountered UFO traffic but could not identify it.

-- RB-47 case, USA, July 17, 1957: "Arguably the most important UFO case in history," says veteran researcher Jerome Clark. Flight crew of an RB-47 reconnaissance jet engaged a UFO for nearly two hours over Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. The UFO was simultaneously tracked visually and by ground and air radar, and a signal from the UFO was tracked as well.

-- Teheran, Iran, Sept 18, 1976: Two F-4 jets of the Iranian Air Force separately engaged a brilliant, fast-moving UFO, tracking visually and on radar. On approaching the UFO, the jets' onboard weapons and control functions repeatedly failed, forcing retreat. A second UFO object was seen to separate from the main UFO and appeared to land.

-- Cussac, France, Aug 29, 1967: Two children reportedly saw a sphere-shaped UFO and "four little devils" on the ground. The humanoid beings were observed to levitate before quickly entering the UFO and flying away. The UFO was said to make a soft whistling sound and smelled of sulphur.

-- Nancy, France, Oct 21, 1982: A scientist (who remains anonymous) observed a small disc-shaped object hovering silently just above his garden in the early afternoon. The object remained for about 20 minutes before suddenly flying away at high speed. Amaranth plants in the garden were obviously affected; analysis suggested the presence of a powerful electrical field.

[CNI News again thanks Gildas Bourdais for assistance with this report.]

[CNI News notes: Predictably, criticism of this report began immediately in France and on the internet. But to the best of our knowledge, there has never before been such a comprehensive and forthright report on the reality of UFOs publicly released by persons of this stature in any nation or language.]

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After 32 years, UFO sleuth still has no answers

Space engineer sticks to scientific approach

By Marlys Duran

View Staff Writer

John Schuessler was working as an aerospace engineer in 1967 when he took on a puzzle he thought he could quickly solve.

JEFFERSON COUNTY Two astronauts reported seeing lights pass by their spacecraft.

"But there was not supposed to be anything going by the spacecraft. That's what intrigued me," Schuessler said.

No one ever figured out what the astronauts saw. And countless

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Sunday, July 11, 1999

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1999

Fawcett named to UFO museum's advisory group

George D. Fawcett has been appointed to the advisory group to the Board of Directors for the International UFO Museum and Research Center.

He is an internationally known investigator, researcher, teacher, writer and organizer with 55 years of experience.

Fawcett is the founder and chief advisor to five civilian UFO study groups: New England UFO Study Group, Pennsylvania and New Jersey

Two-State UFO Study Group, Florida UFO Study Group, Tar Heel UFO Study Group and the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina Inc.

He is the author of the book "Quarter Century Studies of UFOs In Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee" along with more than 200 UFO research articles.

In addition, Fawcett taught accredited college UFO courses at Gaston College.

Fawcett has served as a movie consultant and contributor to various UFO encyclopedias. He has given his illustrated lecture to almost 600 groups and organizations since 1944. In the past two years he has made a tremendous contribution of his UFO collections to the museum.

He lives in Lincolnton, N.C. For more information about the museum located at 114 N. Main St., call 625-9495.



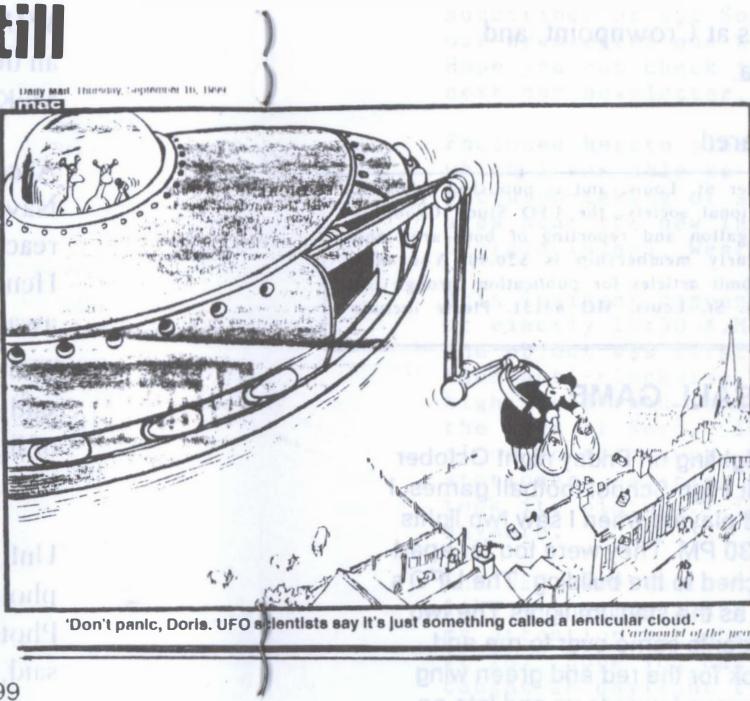
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THE AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN is the excellently produced and very interesting September issue of V.U.F.O.R.S, the Victorian UFO Research Society. President Judith Magee. This one always reminds me of the world-wide enigma ongoing.. we are definitely not alone ! The Editorial says an 'extensive number of UFO reports' covered all directions this summer but NONE were tracked going in 'normal' trajectories for Earth junk or satellite's etc.

Details follow from Paul Norman in his article

Contents of the mag. include a 'no doubts' belief of astronaut Edgar Mitchell on alien visitations... 'secret files' about Roswell he has seen... the truth within 3 or 4 years he reckons ! Triangle sightings reports. Australian police officer reports three "orbs" in formation while on a Scottish Holiday February '99... South African pilot reports "light streak"... report on Flowchart 2 Stealth Target Drone, 'little triangle'. So hardly fits those theories we often see... "triangles" go back to the early seventies at least so where has the technology gone too then after all those years ? try Victorian UFO Research Society at Po Box 1043, Moorabbin, Victoria 3189, Australia, for membership details etc.



UFO RESEARCH REPORTS

Two unique specialized long-range UFO research reports by veteran UFO investigator and researcher George D. Fawcett titled

"What We Have Learned From

UFO repetitions" (1947-1984) and

"Human Reactions to UFOs and

UFOnauts Worldwide" (1940-1983)

which tells what UFOs and their occupants do

and how people react to their presence, before, during and after. These reports consist of the eyewitnessed sightings, sketches, charts, statistics, references, credits, recommended publications, etc. Available from Fawcett at

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The first report Monday, Oct. 4, from the NDLE came >from Henio, who was headed toward Tohatchi when he first spotted the light around 8 p.m. On Tuesday, Navajo police officers added to the original report, noting that Rogers had also seen the light.

Numerous other calls were received by dispatchers at Crownpoint, and the lights also were seen in the Window Rock area.

After two hours, the UFO moved off and disappeared.

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MARYLAND TRIANGLE VISITS FOOTBALL GAME

BEL AIR – A nurse writes, "We had an unusual sighting on Friday night October 8, 1999. I do emergency medical aid at the Bel Air High School football games. I was standing on the sidelines watching for injured players when I saw two lights about an inch apart over the school building at 8:30 PM. They were too far apart for airplane landing lights and too high to be attached to the building. The UFO's lights were white and very bright almost as bright as the stadium lights. The two lights hovered for about 5 minutes or so. Two students came over to me and said "Hey you see that UFO?" I then started to look for the red and green wing tip lights but there was none. The craft started to move towards us and into an east wind. It moved very slowly then turned to the right and flipped over on its side and flew slowly south on its side. I could see it was a large triangular shaped craft. The undercarriage had a strobe light in line with the nose and two white lights on the tip. It flew to the south on its side speed estimate would be less than 20 mph and we heard no noise. Distance from us was about 1000 feet and its altitude was less than 1000 feet. It flew the length of the school then completed the roll and flew to the east and disappeared rather quickly behind the trees. Conditions were cloudy and humid, temperature was 50 F. A number of planes flew over providing a good comparison of size. You could have lined up about 5 single engine planes to equal the width of the unknown craft. The kids asked me "Was that a real UFO?" I told them it was not a plane or helicopter. Only a few witnesses saw the UFOs, because most people were watching the game. I wonder what THEY think of high school football? Thanks to Runningpony

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Dear Paul:

I would like to advise you that since I became a member/subscriber of the Society I only received one issue of our newsletter and that was of September 1999's edition. Hope you can check it out if when I'm going to receive next our newsletter.

Enclosed hereto please find a coloured picture of an UFO which I was able to shoot personally while doing some pictures-taking of a certain property along the coastal area near the new international port of Noro Town, New Georgia Island, Western Province, Solomon Islands.

This incident happened last Tuesday, 28th December 1999 at exactly 10:30 A.M. while I'm on board a motor canoe. The object was first moving eastward and northward and then anti-clockwise, then it moved up and down at quite high speed then it zoom away inside those clouds over the town of Noro. I waited for about five minutes for the cloud to move away, then the UFO was right up there in a stationery position! That's the time where I was able to took its picture. Then it zoom away until I can't see it anymore.

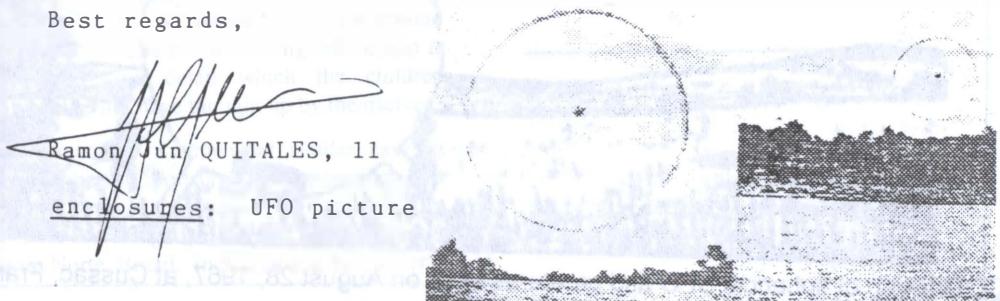
The UFO were quite bright at first as though its look like a shining glass in the sky that's why it caught up my attention but when the picture turned out, it was as it is. Hope you can advise me if there's any other UFO caught in daylight film like the one I have?

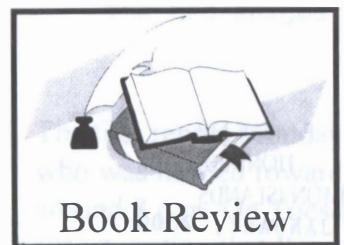
I'm giving you the authority to print my experience and this picture on the condition that I'll be fully acknowledge as the one who took this picture. If the condition is acceptable, I'm willing to release my negative for further study. PLEASE ADVICE.

Best regards,

Ramon Jun QUITALES, 11

enclosures: UFO picture





CE-5 Close Encounters of the 5th Kind

By Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
Review by Joan Price

As we know, Richard Haines has several thousand case histories in his computerised collection, hundreds of which he has personally investigated. His intention for this book is plain and commendable.

He has prepared a basic "textbook" for those wanting to take up the study of Ufology in U.S.A. To date, a standard for the exactness of research in this field and by selecting 242 case histories from his collection, shares the knowledge he has gained over decades of research.

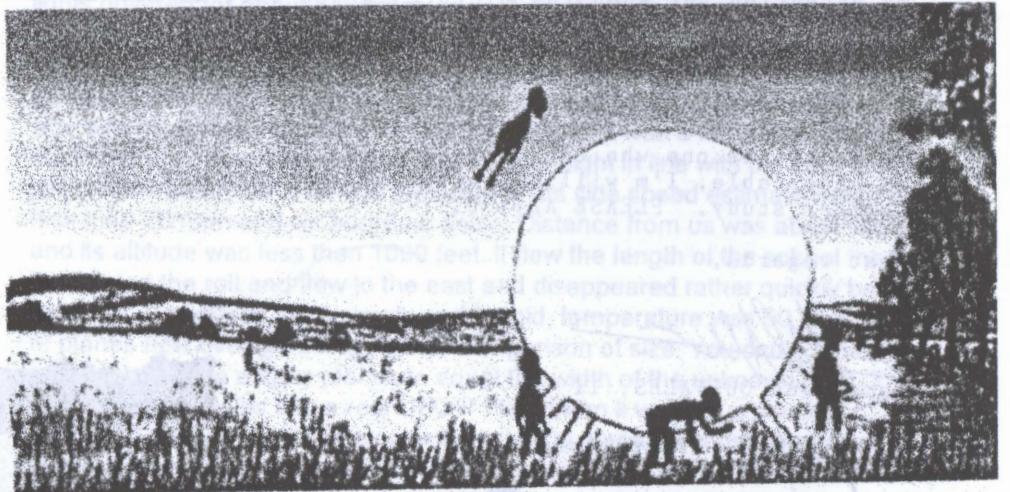
I found the style to be concise and consistent. The comments he makes on the cases are adequate and illustrations of considerable interest. I have selected case No.208 to illustrate this.

Date: 67.08.29.

Local Time: 1030

Duration: estimated 5 minutes

Location: Cussac. (20 kilometers west-southwest of



Drawing of spherical UFO and creatures seen on August 28, 1967, at Cussac, France

Saint-Flour) France

Number of witnesses: 2.

Abstract: Nine-year-old Anne Marie Depleuch and her older brother Francois, 13, were tending their father's herd of cows, with the help of their dog. Climbing over a rock wall, Francois saw four "children" whom he did not recognize. They were about 150 feet away and wore completely black shiny clothes. Standing near them on the ground was a very intense "silvery" sphere, it was difficult to view directly due to its brightness. One creature was bending over as if studying something on the ground. A second held something in his hands reflecting sun like a mirror. He seemed to be waving to his companions.

Francois called out, "Are you coming to play with us?" At that moment, the creatures, who did not seem interested in the children, seemed to realize that they were being watched. The first figure "flew up" vertically and dived head first into the top of

the sphere. The second followed him in the same manner and the third one, after standing up, did the same... The fourth figure rose off the ground, came down again, appeared to pick up something, then he took off and caught up with the sphere which, during this time, had begun to rise" (APRO Bulletin). The last being then entered the object as had the other three.

The intensity of the sphere increased greatly as it rose. The children also reported hearing a "low, fairly sharp hissing noise... mingled with a noise like a breeze blowing." Then, all noise stopped and the UFO accelerated out of sight toward the northwest.

Comments: The beings were estimated to be from 3.5 to 4 feet tall (but of differing heights).

While their heads seemed to be uncovered, the children did not see any border between the black body covering and their skin. Their arms were long and slender. And, while their heads were of "normal" proportion to their bodies (relative to human beings), their skulls were pointed and the chin very marked. Other details are left to the interested reader to research.

This incident contains numerous high strangeness elements typical of our general topic. The four beings seem to be able to levitate into the air. Their proximity to the spherical object should be noted as it may have provided some kind of local anti-gravity field effect for them. The possibility of controlled robots comes to mind which are pre-programmed to take evasive maneuvers if necessary. The reported return back to the ground by one creature to retrieve something left behind is also an interesting detail which the children probably would not have thought up by themselves.

Pratt also recounts a somewhat similar case in which a number of short creatures jumped up and floated back down to the ground. It occurred early in 1988 near the village of Mossoro in Western Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. In that case a dull, silvery,

oval UFO of 4.5 to 5 meters diameter and 3 meters thick sat on the ground on three legs. The creatures "would go down and do something on the ground and then go back up (to the craft)" (Pratt 1996, 221)

Notes: 1. The sphere was about 6.5 feet diameter and stood on thin legs off the ground.

No markings or openings of any kind could be seen. 2. Neither witness felt any breeze during this time, but did smell sulfur before the object departed.

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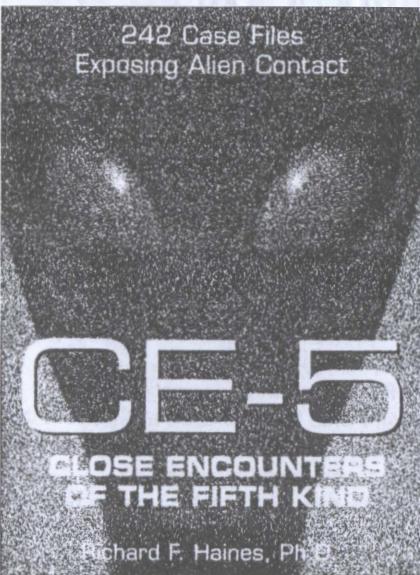
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The author, in his preface to the book says, "always seek the truth no matter where it takes you. This exhortation is all the more valuable when you investigate anomalous phenomena. You will probably be led down crooked, sometimes difficult and

dangerous paths that only a few others have explored.... Let the phenomenon speak for itself. Don't listen to anyone else but your God. Keep an open mind concerning all possible and impossible explanations. And then enjoy your research!!

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THE EARLY YEARS

A selection of reports from various magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Cressy, Tasmania - October 4, 1960

Australian Saucer Record (Australian Flying Saucer Research Society)

The Tasmanian Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Rev. Lionel Browning, reported having seen near Cressy a 300 foot cigar-shaped "mother ship" and five or six flying saucers each about 30 foot across. He was certain they were space craft. His report has been substantiated by other local residents and, it is reported. Government officials are taking it seriously.

"What we saw wasn't a mirage or an optical illusion", said Mr Browning. He said the objects came out of a storm into perfect weather conditions. First he and his wife saw a large, dull grey object about three and a half miles away. It approached at slow speed and seemed to pause. Almost immediately it was joined and surrounded by five or six objects.

"They came at high speed and when they joined the "mother ship" they looked flat underneath with a dome on top. They stayed only two minutes and then disappeared as they had come", he said. Some local residents reported hearing explosions at about the time (6.10 p.m.) of the Rev. Browning's sighting.

The Netherlands - January 29, 1962

LUFORO Bulletin (London UFO Research Organisation)

A jet pilot of the Royal Dutch Air Force today chased a UFO over the eastern part of Holland. He took off this afternoon in a Sabre F86-K to make a practice flight. His jet being armed with four 20mm guns and a sidewinder rocket.

During the flight the pilot suddenly saw a blip on his radar screen, so he asked the control tower of his base for further particulars. It soon became evident that he was the only one who had gone up. According to the procedure, which is followed if one wants to receive information about a certain plane, the control tower tried to make contact with the object but failed. Then the pilot tried to get radio contact with the object but this was also unsuccessful.

After that the ground radar was switched on to follow the UFO. It appeared to have a speed of 3,500 kms. an hour. After repeated and urgent warning to answer, which seemed to go unnoticed, the pilot decided to proceed to action and to fire his sidewinder. He suspected the object of hostile or espionage activities. However, the object suddenly disappeared at very high speed in an easterly direction and, even before the pilot could train the rocket, the object had disappeared from his radar screen. The ground radar had been able to follow the object for about six minutes. It had an estimated diameter of 15 metres and was silver-white in colour.

Washington, D.C. - December 29, 1964

Panorama (UFO Phenomena Investigation Australia)

The United States Navy has revealed that the Air Force were investigating radar sightings near Washington of two unidentified flying objects. The two radar operators observed the objects on their scope approaching at about 4,800 miles per hour from 30 to 40 miles south of the Patuxent Naval Air Station in Maryland.

"The objects approached the airfield, executed a right turn and disappeared from the radar scope", a Navy spokesman said.

What Next

by G. Simpson

On Morning approximately eleven years ago I was woken by the clock radio. The news came on and the announcer stated that after the next break there would be a UFO story. I listened with interest. The report was about how amateur radio operators had intercepted a message from the space shuttle. The message was the voice of one of the crew of the shuttle saying "Houston, this is the Discovery, we still have the ahhhhh 'Alien' spacecraft under observance".

I was amazed and enthralled, finally there was an admission straight from the mouth of an astronaut who was highly trained and ultimately qualified. What more could we want.

Of course the sceptics were not impressed and they fell back on their tired old method of crying hoax. When the controversy heated up some researchers discovered that the voice print analysis matched none of the 'Military' crewmembers on board, however it matched another crewman who was a "Civilian" on the flight in question. Maybe he had been unaware of the rules which pertain to the transmitting of such sensitive information.

In more recent times there have been similar events surrounding the Shuttle, but the events are on video! Actually filmed from inside the shuttle these films such as the ones taken on the missions known as STS-48, STS-80 and STS-84 will come as a great surprise to both UFO researchers and the sceptics.

A Canadian cable expert known as "Willie" who has four different large satellite dishes has been successfully intercepting and recording every minute of shuttle video transmission. His results have been called "Historic" by some researchers because of the content. Some of these views also

include the Mir space station during various docking procedures with the shuttle.

When you see these images you will see that human space missions are often if not regularly monitored by "someone or something intelligent" and that this monitoring is not a part of our space program. You will see dozens of small spherical objects going in all directions and speeds and changing course etc while maintaining a safe distance.

One of the most obvious questions would be "why haven't these videos been shown on the major TV Networks or the News?"

It's going to be really interesting to see NASA come up with something convincing to "explain" these videos. Ice crystals are no going to suffice. Venus, Mating Hedgehogs and swamp gas will not suffice either.

Today's Ufologists are more educated than ever before and are going to take some very carefully reasoned argument to discredit the validity of these images.

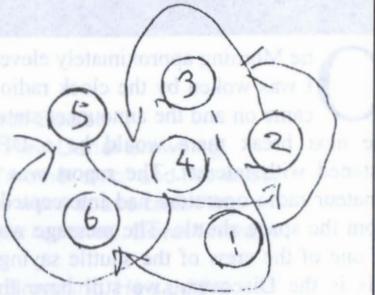
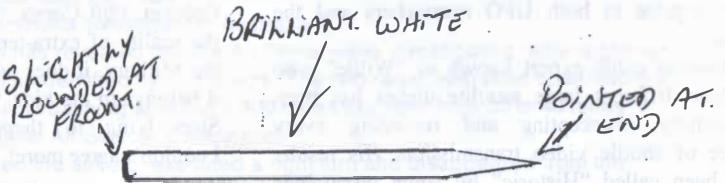
Thanks to "Willie" the whole world will get to see these amazing space videos which illustrate the reality of other intelligent life outside ourselves. His attitude is that the world has a right to see this evidence.

I like that. I agree that the whole of mankind should be informed of our position in the cosmic realm, regardless of whether or not we will be better off as a result. To quote one very famous retired Military Colonel, Phil Corso, "it (information pertaining to the reality of extra-terrestrials) does not belong to the Military, it does not belong to the Government, it belongs to the kids, they want it, give it to them. Stop lying to them, give them the truth!" I couldn't agree more!

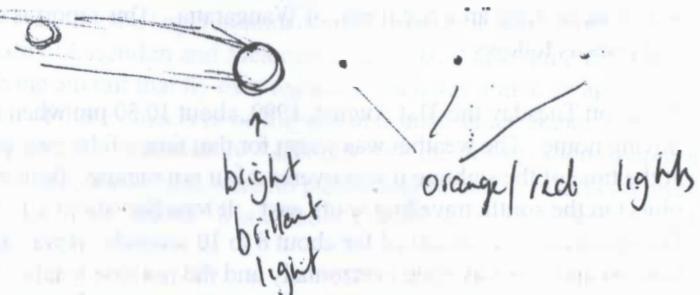
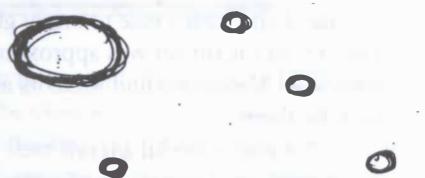


Frame from STS-51 video. Astronaut and satellite at centre left. UFO in top right

Australian Sighting Reports

Late January or early February 1981 between 12.30 and 1.30 am. FAWKNER - MELBOURNE.	Observer reported 6 blue colored discs "about the size of a shirt button held at arm's length" passing overhead giving him a feeling of static or magnetic feeling. When he first saw them overhead they were circular, but as they sped away, they looked flattened like a disc. While in sight they were darting around each other though never crossing over each other's path. There was always a gap between each disc. The point of reference in the sky was the Saucepan.	
9th August, 1999 8.45 pm FERNTREE GULLY - MELBOURNE.	The observers reported 3 lights in a constant formation, with no visible shape, but equal distance between each one. They were joined by a 4th light which came through cloud cover. All lights passed overhead at constant height and speed. Then disappeared behind hill. They were in sight for about three minutes.	
13th September, 1999 7.20 pm RESERVOIR - MELBOURNE.	The observers reported a brilliant white tube-shaped object with slightly rounded front end with pointed shape at rear end, speeding from East to West at an estimated speed of 2000-2500kms. The size estimated to be that of 10 cent coin width and six 10 cent coins length, at arms length. Object was in view for only a few seconds. The observer has worked in aviation industry for some time and said had never seen an object like this, let alone travelling at that speed. He said he did not believe it was an aircraft of any description. It was totally foreign. It was not like any shooting star or space junk entering our atmosphere. It was in the Northern sky going from East to West.	

Australian Sighting Reports - continued

23rd November, 1999 9.25 pm. LAKE EUCUMBENE. NSW	Three witnesses observed four lights. One large white light and three smaller orange bright lights within 35 seconds. As the major light travelled across the horizon with a tail; Half way across, 3 small orange lights appeared in front of it and continued to track on the same course. The last orange light then doubled back to the bright light. The other two increased speed and disappeared on the same track for 2 - 5 seconds and suddenly seemed to disappear. The witness states "The three of us felt we saw something special. The most important part was the orange light doubling back to the bright light."	
23rd November, 1999 9.30 pm. DENILINUIN, NSW.	Three observers reported seeing five objects cross the sky - from the West to the North East in approximately 25 seconds. The largest object was about 1/4 size of the moon. The smaller objects were about 1/4 the size of the large object.	
12th January, 2000 - 10 pm. DANDENONG. VICTORIA.	Two observers were watching for satellites when they saw a round, white light which started small, like a satellite then increased in size to Moon size. It came closer then got larger and brighter. Then it turned right and got smaller like a satellite in orbit. It was in sight or about 20 seconds.	

Australian Sighting Reports - continued

IT'S BACK!

Over the past months, Paul Norman, along with Investigators Representative of VUFORS have been assessing a sighting witnessed across Victoria on Tuesday the 8th June, 1999. A month later a similar sighting was observed in the Sunraysia District and was investigated by Allan Wilson, representative for that district.

Similar sightings are still with us. On the 7th September, 99, I received a report in relation to an object observed by a husband and wife in the Eldorado area. Eldorado is a small farming area north east of Wangaratta. This report is still under investigation and goes as follows:-

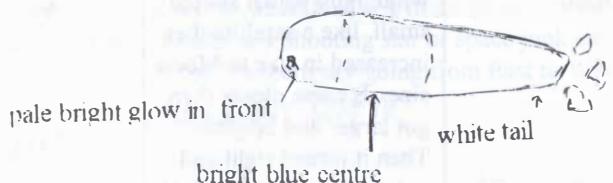
It was on Tuesday the 31st August, 1999, about 10.30 pm when the two witnesses were driving home. The weather was warm for that time of the year and had been raining, but at the time of the sighting it was overcast but not raining. Both witnesses observed the object in the south, travelling south east. It travelled about a 1/6th of the horizon at a fast speed and was observed for about 8 to 10 seconds. It was 45 degrees above the horizon and was travelling horizontally and did not lose height. It just disappeared in the distance. One witness wound down the window to eliminate any possibility of a reflection. The vehicle had slowed down whilst watching the object which they described as an oblong shape with a pale to bright glow in the front, bright blue centre with a white tail. The size of the object was approximately the width of the moon. Both witnesses have witnessed Meteorites and Meteors and believe this was not similar to anything previously seen by them.

No conventional aircraft were seen. The area is hilly and well wooded. There was no mechanical or electrical interference.

No further reports have been forthcoming. At this stage the Bureau of Meteorology and local air ports have not been able to identify the object.

At this time we do not have any explanation, but further inquiries may reveal this object as a natural phenomena.

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VICTORIAN SIGHTINGS REPORTS

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE FAWKNER SIGHTING - 1981

On this particular night Craig was out in his front yard endeavouring to cool off after a 35 degrees plus hot day in the suburb of Fawkner in Melbourne, when he noticed 6 disc-shaped objects approaching from the north east. These objects were travelling at first, in a tight circular pattern with an object of the same size in the centre. As they passed overhead Craig now saw clearly that each of the objects emitted an electric blue in color, though no sound could be heard. Given the clear viewing condition of that night, he could distinctly see that each of the objects was in fact darting in around behind and in front of each other, but without actually breaching the larger boundary of the group or formation. Craig, living in the flight path of Essendon and Melbourne Airports, is also quite familiar with virtually all types of low flying aircraft that fly over regularly each day and at an approximate height of 2000 feet and each of these objects to be the size of a small single engine plane. The duration of the sighting lasted approximately 7 seconds with the objects soon disappearing, heading in a South Westerly direction. There were no particularly noticeable effects involved with this sighting except to say, and I quote, "It is without a doubt the most exciting thing I have ever witnessed or been a part of!"

This report compiled by John Thompson (South Gippsland VUFORS Rep) Jan 2000 (C). Jan 2000

PARA HILLS - 25 DECEMBER 1999

Para Hills resident Ali Horvath, 55, had a sighting of 5 white round objects from 12.15 am on the morning after Christmas. The objects appeared to be close to the ground when first sighted. "We decided to sit in our sun room to relax in the dark except for 2 candles. We live on a hillside facing west, overlooking Parafield Airport and out to sea. A helicopter came past from Adelaide way towards Golden Grove. A while later we saw a light, its staying in one place, at first we thought it was a helicopter hovering in one place but dismissed that thought as it suddenly disappeared. About 20-30 minutes later I spotted what at first I thought looked like planes flying in formation then realised they were not planes. No red or green lights were visible and as my husband Mike said, planes can't fly like that. There appeared to be one in front, then a space, then 3 more. They came up from the ground into the sky. After a while the last 3 started to move around."

PART AUGUSTA - 18 NOVEMBER 1999

Gerald Kirkham, a 67 year old aged pensioner from Pt. Augusta saw a round silver object from 3.20 pm on 18 November last year. The object was first seen in the eastern sky and moved at a medium pace to the west. "After I finished fixing the object I rang the meteorology office at Woomera and I told him what I had seen. He stated that at that time they had not released any weather balloons. At the time of the sighting I would say it would be approximately 30000 feet and moving east to west. It looked very much like a weather balloon to me but Woomera said they didn't think so because at that time there was not a westerly blowing at that altitude"

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Clearview - 24 October 1999.

This sighting was observed on the morning of the 24th of October, 1999 at 1.15am

I have been an amateur-astronomer for at least 5 to 6 years and know the night sky fairly well, I knew when I first saw this object that it was out of place in relation to all the other stars in the night sky.

At first glance it appeared no bigger than all the other stars, it was however as bright as the planet Venus except it was reddish-orange and not white in colour.

When I noticed that it was moving I called my parents and two sisters to watch. We all observed the object for 3 to 4 minutes as it moved from about 25 degrees above the horizon (south) to about 45 degrees above the horizon (south-west) and then to turn around 20 degrees above the horizon (west) before it simply disappeared.

After a few tries I was able to observe the object in my telescope for a short time before it disappeared. I was able to see the red light but nothing else. When the object passed in front of a cloud I was able to make out a large jet black disc, (somewhat oval in shape) about the size of a tennis ball held at arms length.

The red light appeared to pulse in a strange way, in the scope I could see that when it dimmed the light expanded into a small ring and as it brightened the ring shrunk into a tiny intensely bright point.

The weather that night, from what we observed was cool to cold with small patches of cloud ad large areas of clear sky.

The next day I spoke to a man by the name of Bob at The Bureau of Meteorology (South Australian Regional & District Offices), he informed me that at 1 am Adelaide Airport reported that the clouds were between 2.500 and 3.00 feet in alt. This object was below the clouds.

This object was not the Russian Space Station Mir, it was not the Space Shuttle, (I have seen both with my telescope.) and it was not a meteor. Never have I seen an object such as this in all the time that I have been watching the skies.

Claudius Reiman.



Recent Tasmanian Reports

1998 January. 11.45

Ouse.

Witness reports that whilst loading feed silo on farm a bright "something" caught their attention in the sky above. The two witnesses then realised that the bright thin oval was not moving. It stayed in a vertical position in the sky for some 5 minutes. Then they saw it move erratically northwards before increasing speed into the distance.

1998 August. 03.00

Granton.

A lone witness travelling to New Norfolk notices something bright over the Derwent river. A beam of orange light was seen shinning down onto the water. As the witness travelled along, the beam seemed to keep pace and bounce along for several minutes before going out.

1998 December 2nd. 23.00

Eaglehawk Neck.

Witness out giving his dog a walk, looking around overcast sky sees a bright white light stationary to north.

On returning home realises that the light is now moving over head and out across Pirates Bay.

The light seems to change direction and is lost in distance to the south-east.

1999 January 17th. 01.15
Granton.

The witness was some 1-2 kmnts north of Granton when noticing four round almost moon sized shapes just above the water over the river. The witness stopped the car and wound down the window. No sound could be heard from the glowing golden circles. They looked like wheels with glowing spokes and bright patches of light all of which pulsed in unison. The witness continued on towards New Norfolk and lost sight of the circles.

1999 February 21st. 05.00
Ouse.

Witness to the report from January 1998 sees strange pulses of light to the north-west. Being up early to milk the cows the witness reported a blue flashing light which seemed to give off pulses of light. After 5 minutes the area near the light had random flashes. It looked like bubbles in boiling water as the flashes pulsed up and burst. The display ceased after the random light bursts.

1999 July 5th. 10.30am.
New Norfolk.

Students brought a teacher's attention to something they had noticed over Peppermint Hill.

A smallish, silver shape was visible against the dark clouds in the sky at that time. It had an oval to bow shape as it moved towards the clouds as if on a current of wind. Whilst the teacher was away calling someone else a second silvery shape was seen by the students. This shape and the first seemed to move upwards and into the clouds. Both had disappeared by the time the teacher returned.

1999 July 5th. 7.40pm
Ross.

The witness turned on an exterior light at an outside shed. Almost at once he noticed to his south something very low beyond trees at a paddock's edge some 200 m distance. It looked like a rectangular structure about the size of a house. It was illuminated by an orange glow. It seemed to have some vapour about it. As he watched for about 10 seconds it seemed to be rising up and tilted at an angle. It just faded out of sight as he watched.

He enquired at a nearby house the next day but no other witnesses were located. The sighting location had no unusual marks or traces.

U.F.O. ENCOUNTER

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Albany Creek Thur 1.7.99

7.25pm

A woman driving her car observed what she described as a huge comet to the West moving horizontally to the South. The leading part of the object was a yellow-white ball shape half the size of the moon with a reddish tail. It was seen for about 10 seconds and no associated noise was heard. The apparent length of the tail was equal to 50 mm at arm's length.

Wynnum Sat 3.7.99 8.15pm

A bright orange object like a ball of flame in the Eastern sky was observed by 4 witnesses. As it approached it got brighter and then dimmed. Two other objects fell from this object, burnt and went out as the main object dimmed. It seemed to move West then North. At 8.50pm a second similar object was seen in the same part of the sky moving in a similar way. The apparent size of the objects was about 3 mm at arm's length. It was a dark and moonless night and stars were visible. The objects seemed to maintain a constant elevation.

Tamborine Mon 5.7.99 8.15pm

A witness observed a bright white oval object about half the size of the full moon to the West zooming across the sky. It moved horizontally then upwards during a total time of 2 seconds. No sound was heard.

Cannon Hill Mon 5.7.99

10.50pm

A man looking South observed a bright orange ball moving as though it was coming in to land at the Brisbane airport. It was at an elevation of 35 to 40 degrees moving to the East. It changed direction towards the North moving away when he lost sight of it due to obstructions. It seemed as though it was half a mile away, made no sound, and was about 3/4 the size of the full moon. Its colour was that of a red hot ember and seemed to pulsate. The witness has observed many aircraft and has had a previous sighting in New Zealand in which a UFO followed him home.



Park Ridge Wed 7.7.99 7.55pm

A woman was looking out her window at a bright star which then moved. She went outside and saw it shoot up. It proceeded to move about in the sky and faded to an orange ember after which it became brighter. She observed the light for about 10 minutes looking towards the SW at a very low angle of elevation. There was no associated sound, although the object seemed close. Two years previously, a friend of the witness saw a big bright light over the friend's house.

Townsville Wed approx 10.7.99

1.30am

A woman who lives near the Ross River observed a star coming over the top of a nearby mountain. It vanished then reappeared and started to get brighter and closer. It had a spot light beaming from it to the ground and she had the impression it was spying on the nearby army base. She heard no noise as the object started bouncing in the sky very fast, then hovering and flying. She became very frightened, came inside, turned off the lights and locked the door. She watched it for a couple of hours. She later rang the army base to see if they had something in the air at the time which there wasn't.

Algester Sun 18.7.99 evening

A witness driving towards Beaudesert to the South observed four orange lights moving in formation with three orange lights about five times bigger. The formation moved faster than a commercial plane and at a similar altitude as planes.

Seventeen Mile Rocks Mon

7.6.99 7.45pm

Three witnesses observed 3 orange lights to the West moving East. One disappeared quickly, and the other 2 passed directly over the witnesses moving slowly. The lights seemed to be very high up, were seen for 5 to 10 minutes and crossed about 45 degrees of sky. No sound or navigation lights were noted.

There was no sound and no navigation lights were visible.

Algester Sun 18.7.99 8.30pm

A witness reported seeing 8 red-orange lights in the sky. Three were shaped in a triangular formation and the other 5 were shaped in a hook formation. The lights were bigger than Venus and travelled in the sky at a height lower than a light plane.

Rockhampton 20 or 21. 7. 99

9.10pm

An orange light was observed in the ESE sky by 3 witnesses. They made no noise as they watched for 5 minutes as it went overhead. Then they saw another one moving smoothly before hovering in one spot. The lights were brighter than a star and 3 to 4 times bigger than a star.

Brighton Mon 2.8.99 9.40pm

A man observed a big, dull, fast moving object high up in the Western sky, moving North to South. Its apparent size was that of a small fingernail at arm's length. As it moved it did a 45 degree turn to the South West. It was round in shape, seemed to generate its own light, made no sound and appeared like a cloud with fuzzy edges in the night sky. The witness said he was shaken by the sighting.

Brisbane Fri 6.8.99 7.05 pm

Five witnesses from different suburbs reported what was interpreted as an F111 afterburn display.

Brackenridge Mon 7.6.99

7.19pm

Two witnesses reported a big white stationary body shaped like a half moon to the North East at an elevation of about 45 degrees. It had 6 small blue lights around it and was observed for 10 minutes. The object faded away then at 7.53pm the little blue lights were seen again for about one minute. Its apparent size was that of a 20 cent coin at arm's length and it seemed to be above clouds.

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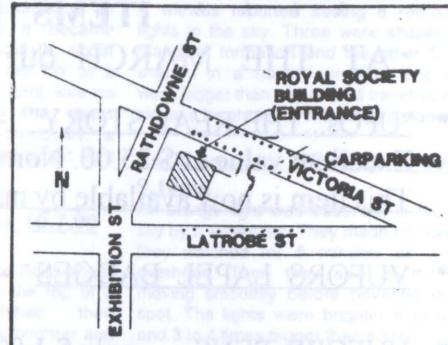
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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